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## PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  TAKAYUKI SUGA ET AL.  Application No.: 10/615,306			Francisco Net Wet Assisted	
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## **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(b)(3) and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

For a concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents, the Examiner is referred to the English Abstracts attached hereto.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of the cited Application is enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted.

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